

1 A MEMORIAL

2 DECLARING FEBRUARY 16, 2005 AS "YMCA DAY AT THE SENATE".

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4 WHEREAS, for over nine decades, the New Mexico alliance
5 of YMCAs has brought a special dimension to community life;
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7 WHEREAS, over eight thousand families benefit directly
8 each year from the YMCA's extensive programming for all ages
9 and interest groups, from toddler activities to teen programs
10 to fitness and wellness opportunities for senior citizens;
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12 WHEREAS, over thirty-three thousand youth benefit each
13 year from programs such as YMCA after-school care, childcare,
14 YMCA basketball, YMCA volleyball, character counts, youth and
15 government, yes corps, counselor-in-training, YMCA summer
16 camp, teen programs, camp shaver and many other fine
17 programs; and

18 WHEREAS, over one thousand individuals volunteer at the
19 YMCA each year, making the YMCA one of the largest led and
20 driven organizations in New Mexico; and

21 WHEREAS, the YMCA is governed by a local volunteer board
22 of directors who: give generously of their time, money and
23 effort in order that the state's residents may grow as
24 responsible members of their families and communities;
25 develop self-confidence and self-respect, as well as an

1 awareness of the rights and worth of every individual;
2 appreciate that physical and mental health are divine gifts
3 that should be maintained through physical fitness and
4 spiritual growth; and develop and use their capacities for
5 leadership; and

6 WHEREAS, the YMCA's ability to foster these goals
7 depends wholly upon continued community support, partially
8 through the united way fund, but also through the YMCA's
9 memberships and program support, and through expansion, such
10 as the new youth and family gymnasium in Los Alamos and the
11 renovation of two YMCA branches, as well as a proposed new
12 west side branch YMCA in Albuquerque;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 16, 2005 be declared "YMCA
15 Day at the Senate" in recognition of the important role that
16 the YMCA plays in providing community programs throughout
17 central and northern New Mexico.

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